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Four FBI Employees Arrested, Accused of Concealing and Covering Up Use of Anabolic Steroids and HGH

- Charged with Making False Statements on Government Documents -

WASHINGTON - Four FBI employees were arrested today and charged with making false statements on U.S. government documents. The arrests stem from statements made on medical forms used to assess the employees' continuing fitness for duty.

James Drew Barnett, Katia Litton, Matthew Litton and Ali Sawan were charged with violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, for attesting to materially false statements on U.S. Government documents. The arrests follow an investigation by agents from the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Personnel Management Office of the Inspector General, and the FBI.

The arrests were announced by U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General for the Department of Justice, and Patrick E. McFarland, Inspector General of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Barnett, 42, has been a Special Agent since December 2001 and works for the FBI's Washington Field Office. Katia Litton, 42, has been a Special Agent since October 2003 and also works for the Washington Field Office. Matthew Litton, 39, Katia Litton's husband, has been a Special Agent since September 2001 and works for the FBI's Critical Incident Response Group. Ali Sawan, 45, has been an Intelligence Analyst since December 2006 and works for the Counterterrorism Division.

According to arrest affidavits that were unsealed today in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the four FBI employees, after meeting with doctors, received diagnoses, including pituitary dwarfism. The employees also received numerous prescriptions for anabolic steroids and human growth hormone (HGH) for which there was no known medical necessity.

The affidavits state that the defendants “concealed and covered up” information about treatment, prescriptions and their use of anabolic steroids and HGH.

The four are accused of omitting any mention of the treatment or prescriptions on medical histories provided on forms that are used to regularly assess their fitness for duty. From the time an individual applies to become an FBI Special Agent or Intelligence Analyst, he or she must submit to a stringent process that includes reviews of his or her current medical condition and medical history.

The charges filed in this case are merely allegations that the defendants have committed a violation of criminal law and are not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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